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- Managing the Impact of Wildfires on Communities and the Environment

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- 2000 Fire Season
- 92,250 fires
- 7,383,493 acres
- All areas of U.S. impacted  
Florida to Alaska (especially Northern Rockies)

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- Congress responded by approving funds for Federal and State agencies and local communities to better plan and prepare for future wildfire seasons

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- Goals
- Ensuring sufficient firefighting resources for the future.
- Rehabilitating and restoring fire damaged ecosystems

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- Goals cont.
- Reducing fuels (combustible forest materials) in forests and rangelands at risk, especially near communities
- Working with local residents to reduce fire risk and improve fire protection

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- NFP at work
  - Better protection and preparedness through thorough planning and additional firefighting resources
  - Community education through Firewise workshops and WHAM projects
- Local fire department assistance through training, equipment transfer, prevention and other tools needed to decrease threats to life and property

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- NFP at work cont.
  - Reducing excess fuels in and around communities through mechanical and prescribed fire Hazard Fuel Reduction Projects
  - Protecting water quality for towns and communities by minimizing impacts of erosion in burned areas
- Ecosystem re-establishment by aggressive rehabilitation in burned areas by land managers and scientists to recover areas from the debilitating effects of wildland fire



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- NFP at work cont.
- Economic development opportunities through biomass utilization of products generated by projects and increasing local employment opportunities

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- National Park Service
- RM-18 Fire Management
- All NPS units with vegetation that can sustain fire must have a Fire Management Plan